



## World Championship Awards

### OVERVIEW

At the 2011 VEX Robotics Competition World Championship Event; we are giving out more awards than ever! There are new awards that teams can earn and some changes to our existing awards. There are online awards, awards for the Online Challenges, Divisional Awards, and overall awards. We hope that this serves as a quick guide for teams so that you can quickly discover:

- 1) Awards and Award Criteria
- 2) How to pre-submit for awards
- 3) Excellence Award at World Championship

### AWARDS AND AWARD CRITERIA

Here is a list of awards being given at World Championship:

#### Team Awards:

AMAZE	Team with an amazing, well rounded and top performing robot
BUILD	Team with a well crafted robot
COMMUNITY	Team with extraordinary community involvement and awareness
CREATE	Team with a creative engineering for their robot
DESIGN	Team with a professional design approach (ie Engineering Notebooks!)
EDUCATE	Team that integrates robotics into their classroom STEM activities
ENERGY	Team with extraordinary enthusiasm
EXCELLENCE	Overall top honor in the VEX Robotics Competition
FUTURE	Team that uses robotics to improve their school/community, with a vision towards the Future
INNOVATE	Team that has the most "Innovative" single design feature on their robot
INSPIRE	Team that has earned respect from their peers for innovative and creative design solution
JUDGES	Team that deserves special recognition for their efforts leading up to, and during, the event
PROMOTE	Team that creates the strongest video promoting VRC (submitted on Robotevents.com)
SPORTSMANSHIP	Team that best exemplifies competing in a friendly and respectful way
SUPPORT	Team that most helps others enjoy their experience through advice and assistance
TEAMWORK	Group with multiple teams competing and communicating effectively together
THINK	Team with an impressive and effective autonomous programming

#### Individual Awards:

Mentor of the Year	Mentor who had an incredible impact on their team(s)
Partner of the Year	Partner whose support has helped VRC grow and reach more students
Teacher of the Year	Teacher who showed amazing leadership and dedication
Volunteer of the Year	Volunteer whose passion and dedication made a far reaching impact



For full award criteria, please go to <http://content.vexrobotics.com/docs/vex-round-up/VEX-Round-Up-Appendix-E-Awards-10122010.pdf>

In addition to those awards earned at the VEX World Championship, we will also be recognizing the winners of the Online Challenges, which can be found [at this link](#).

## **AWARD PRE-SUBMISSION**

At the World Championship, there are eight (8) awards that require pre-submission or sign-up online. These awards are:

Community – Requires a 500-word online submission by 11:59 PM EST on April 1<sup>st</sup>

Design – Teams wishing to be eligible for the Design and Excellence Award must sign up for an interview time by 11:59 PM EST on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Each team that signs up for an interview time will receive a notification confirming their interview time and must bring their engineering notebook to the interview.

Educate – Requires a 500-word online submission by 11:59 PM EST on April 1<sup>st</sup>

Future – There are three requirements for this award (all due by 11:59 PM EST on April 1<sup>st</sup>):

- Submit a one page Future Award presentation summary
- Submit one letter of support online
- Reserve a Presentation and Interview Time Slot online

Innovate – Requires a 500-word online submission by 11:59 PM EST on April 1<sup>st</sup>

Mentor of the Year – Requires a 500-word online submission by 11:59 PM EST on April 1<sup>st</sup>

Teacher of the Year – Requires a 500-word online submission by 11:59 PM EST on April 1<sup>st</sup>

Teamwork Award – Requires a 500-word online submission by 11:59 PM EST on April 1<sup>st</sup>

**Why sign up for awards in advance?** Only teams that have signed up for interview times for Future and Design will be considered for these awards. Only teams that submit concise (500-word or less) essays will be eligible for the Community, Educate, Innovate, and Teamwork Awards. All mentors and teachers deserve special recognition for their effort to organize, teach, and inspire their teams, however, only teams that nominate their mentors and teachers will be evaluated for the Teacher and Mentor of the Year awards.

**Where do I go to sign up for and submit award essays?** Please go to <http://robotevents.com/vexawards/> for all of your award submission needs!



## EXCELLENCE AWARD AT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

As most of you are already aware, there have been changes made to the criteria for the 2011 VEX Robotics World Championship Excellence Award, here are the details:

The Excellence Award is given to the overall top team at the World Championship. It is the highest honor in the VEX Robotics Competition and is given to a team that exemplifies excellence in building a well-rounded VEX Robotics Program. An Excellence Award winning team not only shows a high level of engineering skill with a competitive robot on the field, but is a strong contender in numerous judged awards off the field as well. Team accomplishments and performance in the following categories will be considered to determine the Excellence Award winner.

- Qualification Round Performance
- Skills Challenge Performance
- Judged performance in all other award categories

The following is the point system used to evaluate teams for the Excellence Award:

### Point System:

Qualification Round Performance: 1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Places: 1 point

Programming Skills Challenge Performance: 1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Places: 1 point

Robot Skills Challenge Performance: 1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Places: 1 point

Awards: Top candidate for any Judged Team Award: 1 point (Note, there is no bonus for winning an actual award, since by winning the Excellence Award, the team is no longer eligible to win other judged awards.)

### Criteria to Qualify for World Championship Excellence Award Consideration:

- Must have created a submission for at least 1 online design challenge
- Must have signed up and interviewed for the Design Award with your engineering notebook
- Must have won an Excellence Award during the competition season

### Additional Considerations for World Championship Excellence Award:

- 1 additional point for each online challenge submission (up to 3 points total)
- 1 point for submitting for a Presentation Award (Design & FUTURE, maximum 2 points)
- 1 point for every Judged Award the team is listed as a top candidate for consideration by the Judges

At the 2011 VEX Robotics Competition World Championship, each division will determine an Excellence Award winner. Judge Advisors from the High School division will determine one overall Excellence Award. Additional Excellence Awards will be given for the Middle School and College Competition Divisions.